NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

Public involvement is a fundamental aspect of the environmental impact analysis process. The Navy welcomes and appreciates the public's participation.

The Navy is working with:

- Cooperating agencies (14)
- Federally recognized tribes (13)
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

The Navy is consulting with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

NEPA Process and Timeline

MILESTONE	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS	■ Starts the public involvement phase of the NEPA process	Aug. 26, 2016
► Scoping Period	■ Provides 90 days for an early and open public process for identifying potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS ■ Includes seven scoping meetings and other opportunities to learn more and submit comments	**Comment Period:** Aug. 26, 2016—Dec. 12, 2016* **Scoping Meetings:** Fallon: Oct. 3, 2016 Lovelock: Oct. 4, 2016 Reno: Oct. 4, 2016 Austin: Oct. 5, 2016 Eureka: Oct. 6, 2016 Hawthorne: Oct. 7, 2016 Gabbs: Oct. 7, 2016 **Comment period extended*
Draft EIS	■ Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for each identified alternative	Nov. 16, 2018
► Draft EIS Public Review and Comment Period	■ Provides 60 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS ■ Includes seven public meetings and other opportunities to learn more and submit comments	**Comment Period:** Nov. 16, 2018—Jan. 15, 2019 **Public Meetings:** Hawthorne: Dec. 10, 2018 Gabbs: Dec. 10, 2018 Austin: Dec. 11, 2018 Eureka: Dec. 11, 2018 Fallon: Dec. 12, 2018 Lovelock: Dec. 13, 2018 Reno: Dec. 13, 2018
Final EIS	■ Includes updates to the Draft EIS and responses to substantive comments received during the Draft EIS comment period	Fall 2019
► Final EIS Public Review and Wait Period	■ Provides a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published before the Navy may take final action	Fall 2019
Record of Decision	■ Follows the Final EIS public review and wait period, which includes consideration of public comments ■ Includes selection of an alternative by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) ■ After the Navy issues a Record of Decision, if it then receives Congressional approval, it would begin implementing any such congressionally-approved action, subject to availability of funding	Winter 2019/2020

► *Opportunities for Public Review and Comment.* *Complete* *In Progress* *Next Steps*